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Sir:

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Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney or agent of record believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (d), copies of the listed references are not enclosed since they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior application, USSN 10/021,735, filed on November 5, 2001, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

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